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**Member Spotlight  
Kevin Welch, Assoc. AIA**

**I Am A Member Of The American Institute Of Architects (AIA) Because...** I feel a personal sense of responsibility to be a part of, engage with and support our community of professionals who, like myself, share a common passion for design and whose involvement in the AIA support the profession, and shape and influence our communities, through social and political action in an effort to create, enhance and build a sustainable future for generations to come.

I am a husband, father of five, world traveler, senior designer with Daniel Joseph Chenin, Ltd., and undergraduate student at the UNLV School of Architecture. My path through the profession has been unconventional to say the least. I would say that I am a product born first from professional mentorship while remaining rooted in academia thereafter. I continue to pursue my academics whenever possible while I work to support my family, grow professionally, and learn as much as I can in the process. I am both student and mentor, and I find great satisfaction through learning as much as I can while sharing my passions and experience with others.



KEVIN WELCH,  
ASSOC. AIA

**What is the most important thing you've learned?** To value myself, recognize my capabilities and be confident in the value that I bring to the profession, the projects that I am fortunate to be a part of, the clients that we service and the people and teams I collaborate with.

**What person, living or dead would you most like to talk with?** My father. I didn't really know my father until I was a young man and I wish I could have more than time with him. He left this world too soon and we didn't get to have as many conversations I wished we could have had.

**How can architects provide "value add" to their clients?** The architectural profession is driven by passion. Many of us spend countless hours and sleepless nights, sometimes at the expense of our personal lives, devoted to creating meaningful design that is set apart from the otherwise pragmatic nature of building for the sake of building. The unique sensibility that architects bring to create buildings and spaces that are contextual and responsive to their inhabitants to enhance the human experience in a profound way, thus improving the quality of life and making the built product desirable. Without the knowledge and creative problem solving that the architect possesses, buildings become disposable, they lose their value and impede rather than enhance the quality of life for its occupants.

**How do you think the profession will evolve in the next 5 - 10 years?** I do not think the profession will change radically over the next 5 to 10 years, however, I do believe that building sustainably will become obligatory. I believe our future is going to be fraught with challenges that no generation has ever seen. How we build for the future will make the difference in our survival as a species. We must learn from the past and evolve by embracing technological advancements to aid us in redefining our built environment sustainably. With advances in emerging technology, we are on the cusp of mainstream use of automation in construction. I believe that this will change how buildings are made, what they are made of, how they perform, and how they respond to the challenges ahead for humanity. We must approach design from a sustainable perspective so we can protect our little blue rock in space for future generations to come.



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Four of the most important words in our profession are: justice, equity, diversity & inclusion. These four words outline the future of our profession and should be the cornerstone of our business operations. Truly embracing the meaning of these words and putting their meaning into action will not only help create a better working environment for you, your firm, and your clients but it will also help to improve the communities where we live, learn, work, and play.

In support of AIA National and its strategic goal for justice, equity, diversity & inclusion, AIA Las Vegas continues to play a vital role in providing long term solutions to removing barriers, providing education and training, and holding each other accountable for our actions. The key to success is to develop a culture that embraces inclusion and allows opportunities for new leaders and visionaries to emerge. As members of the design community, it is our duty to bring up the future generation of architects and design professions equipped to handle and find solutions to issues such as global warming, affordable housing and building a built environment that is inclusive for all. This is your call to action because together, we can do more.

With this is mine, I want to personally invite you to join AIA Las Vegas virtually on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm for the February virtual membership meeting, "Future Architects Instill Collaboration, Art and Empathy" presented by the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee. This dynamic meeting will feature keynote speaker, Ms. Susan Carr who is an Engineer and Founder of Justin Carr Wants World Peace Foundation (JCWWP). Following the keynote, there will be a panel discussion on how design professionals can serve as peace leaders in their perspective fields. Please register here: <https://bit.ly/3u7gsN>

Regards,



John Sawdon, AIA



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## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### "FUTURE ARCHITECTS INSTILL COLLABORATION, ART AND EMPATHY"

presented by the AIA Las Vegas Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (JEDI Committee)



**Our Keynote Speaker is  
Susan Carr**

Engineer and Founder of the  
Justin Carr Wants World  
Peace Foundation (JCWWP)

Join us virtually on Wednesday, February 16th 2022 from 5:30 to 7:30pm to share and discuss precious insight on how present and future generations of upcoming Architects, Engineers and Contributors to the Built Environment can be better prepared to become Peace Leaders. Leaders who instill equity, diversity, inclusion, justice, compassion, critical thinking, commitment, collaboration and conflict resolution with attention to life's unfortunate circumstances, prescription drug addiction, and mental and physical health, in their perspective fields.

A follow-up Panel Discussion will include



**Joyce Orias, AIA**  
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## AIA LAS VEGAS 2022 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY

10 UNLV SoA Virtual Lecture - Carlo Ratti and AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
12 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**16 Virtual AIA Member Meeting** - Hosted by AIA LV JEDI  
24 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

### MARCH

10 UNLV SoA Virtual Lecture - MVRDV and AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
12 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**16 Live AIA Member Meeting** - Program TBA  
23 Coffee With An Architect - TBA  
24 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

### APRIL ART ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN MONTH

1 First Friday sponsored by Coverings  
7 UNLV SoA Virtual Lecture - Philipp Meuser  
9 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**11 47th Annual Golf Tournament - TPC**  
14 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
**14 Virtual AIA Member Meeting** - Program TBA  
28 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

### MAY

12 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
14 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**18 Live AIA Member Meeting** - HS Design Awards  
25 Coffee With An Architect - TBA  
26 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

### JUNE

9 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
11 AIA LV Urban Sketchers

### JULY

9 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
14 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
27 Coffee With An Architect - TBA  
28 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

### AUGUST

11 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
13 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**17 Live AIA Member Meeting - BBQ**  
25 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
**29 Top Golf Tournament**

### SEPTEMBER

10 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**28 Learn About/Turn About Product Show** and Coffee With An Architect - TBA

### OCTOBER

5 Allied & Sponsor Appreciation  
8 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
13 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
**19 Live AIA Member Meeting - Mock Trial**

### NOVEMBER

4 Virtual AIA | NSBAIDRD C.E. Seminar  
12 AIA LV Urban Sketchers  
**16 Virtual AIA Member Meeting** - Program TBA  
23 Coffee With An Architect

### DECEMBER

**2 AIA Holiday & Design Awards Gala**  
8 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN  
10 AIA LV Urban Sketchers

As of February 2022. Please note that events and meetings may be added or changed, i.e., EPYAF Events, Women In Architecture Meetings, AIA LV COTE Events, AIA LV Allied Meetings, Special Art, Architecture and Design Month Events and other special Committee events.



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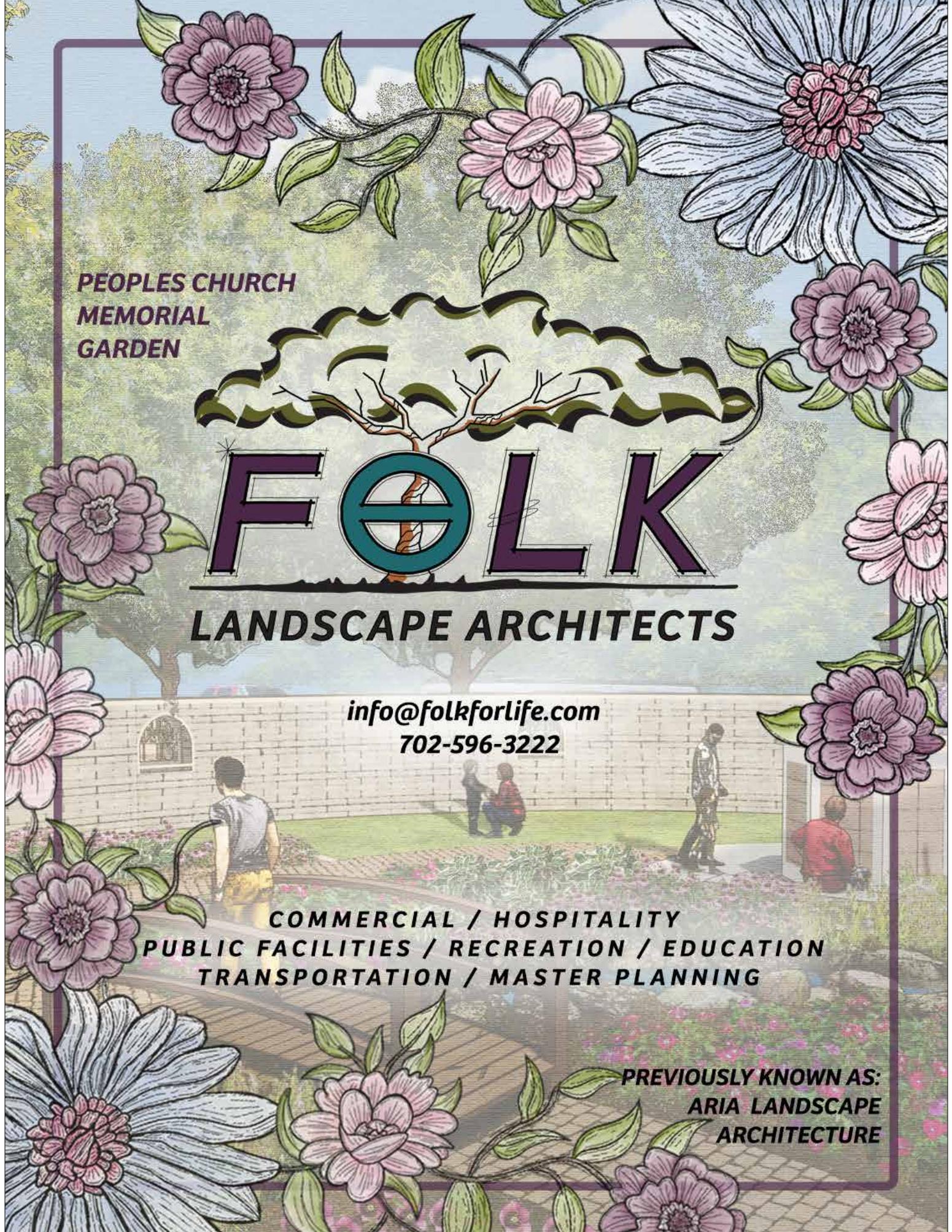
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**We have the following dates available for CE Luncheons.**  
Please note: They are all on Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:30pm  
but this can be negotiated if necessary

February 10th and 24th

March 10th

April 14th and 28th

May 12th and 26th

June 9th

July 14th and 28th

August 11th and 25th

\*September - AIA LV "Learn About / Turn About" Product Show  
October 13th

\*November - AIA Nevada / NSBAIDRD CE Seminar  
December 8th

## Live and In Person AIA Continuing Education Luncheon In the AIA Las Vegas Office

1131 S. Casino Center Blvd., LV., NV. 89104  
(on California St. between Casino Center and 3rd)

**When:** Thursday, March 24th - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm PST

**What:** "2022 Updates in Specialty Tax Incentives R&D, ERTC, PPP Loans and 179D with Legislative Updates"

Presented by Brady Bryan of  
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Ryan Sisti, Assoc. AIA, Chair

We're kicking off the AIA High School Design Competition for the 2021-22 school year!

This year's program reaches out to the edge of the valley, "The Phoenix," and calls for the design of a Luxury Rental Apartment within a newly redesigned/rebuilt Lodge facility on Mt. Charleston. [Click here for the design challenge](#)

I will be coordinating mentors for participating schools. If interested, please contact me at [Ryan\\_Sisti@gensler.com](mailto:Ryan_Sisti@gensler.com).



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### BALD BY DESIGN

Phil Ralston, Chair  
Reported by K. Lavigne

### BALD BY DESIGN TEAM RANKS 3RD OUT OF 44 NATIONAL TEAMS IN 2021

It's official. The Bald By Design Team rocks! It was announced in the '21 St. Baldrick's Top Of The Charts Report that we did very well!

In the list of Top Participants, Our Chair, Phil Ralston came in 9th overall with \$38,626.75. Team members Windom Kimsey, FAIA Steven Kimsey, and Dan Palmeri also made the Top Participants list.

In the list of Top Teams, Bald by Design came in 3rd with a whopping \$116,033.23.

And, in the list of Top Events, our home venue, McMullan's Irish Pub came in 1st with a hair-raising \$1,020,674.71!

The St. Baldrick's and Bald By Design event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th this year. The opportunity to participate and/or donate will open up later in the year. Don't worry! We'll let you know when it rolls around!



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## MEMBER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS JOY!

Simpson Coulter Studio is pleased to announce the promotion of Joy Rineer to Principal.

"Joy has been a key part of our success and we are thrilled to promote her to this leadership role within our team." said Wade Simpson, Principal at Simpson Coulter Studio.

Joy is a licensed architect with over 20 years of experience. She has worked on a diverse range of projects varying in program, construction type, scale, and budget. She is 1 of only 242 WELL Faculty members across the globe and has implemented the firm's health and safety practice, including the WELL registration for the office.



She received her master's in architecture from the University of Utah and was honored as one of the "40 Under 40" by In Business magazine, and ENR Southwest's "20 under 40". She is a graduate of the Leadership Las Vegas program and is involved in her community, participating in local workshops and mentoring aspiring architects.

Having been raised in Las Vegas, Joy is proud to call this her home and looks forward to contributing to the vision of the city's future growth.

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Thanks to a strong Las Vegas economy, a staff of talented, hard-working people, and lots of happy clients who kept coming back for more and bringing their friends, the start-up loan was paid off and the company even turned a profit by the end of its first year.

Wright Engineers grew quickly, and in a short while had become one of the largest structural engineering firms in the West. Scott Jones, SE led their expansion into Orange County in 2004. Tye Havey, SE opened Phoenix in 2005, David Winn, SE opened Salt Lake City in 2006, and Braden Forbush, PE led their most recent expansion into Dallas in 2021.

Over the years, they've completed thousands of projects from coast to coast. They've been ranked as one of the country's fastest growing engineering firms, and more importantly, for four years in a row now they've been named the nation's #1 best structural engineering firm to work for—a distinction they're particularly proud of. Along the way, they've developed strong and meaningful relationships with their clients and friends in the industry.

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## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! AIA LV COMMITTEES AND MEETING SCHEDULES

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Chair: Troy Moser, AIA [troy@moserarchitecture.com](mailto:troy@moserarchitecture.com)  
Virtual Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee

Chair: Rick Van Diepen, AIA [rick@GRNVision.com](mailto:rick@GRNVision.com)  
Virtual Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30am

### AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee

Co-Chair: Monica Gresser, AIA [mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com](mailto:mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com)  
Andrew Martin, AIA [martin.andrew.design@gmail.com](mailto:martin.andrew.design@gmail.com)  
Virtual Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas Allied Members Committee

Chair: Kayleigh Hasshaw [khasshaw@tjkengineers.com](mailto:khasshaw@tjkengineers.com)  
Virtual Meeting 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30am

### AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs Committee

Chair: Chris Lujan, AIA [clujan@tska.com](mailto:clujan@tska.com)  
Virtual Meeting Schedule 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Co-Chairs: Melvin Green, AIA [melvin@kmarchitects.com](mailto:melvin@kmarchitects.com)  
Sydney Katz, [katz@spkatz.com](mailto:katz@spkatz.com)

Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas Education Outreach Committee

Chair: John Torpey, AIA [jot751@aol.com](mailto:jot751@aol.com)  
Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee

Co-Chairs: Monica Gresser, AIA [mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com](mailto:mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com)  
Anna Peltier [anna@arialandscape.com](mailto:anna@arialandscape.com)  
Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas UNLV School of Architecture Committee

Chair: Glenn Nowak, AIA [glenn.nowak@unlv.edu](mailto:glenn.nowak@unlv.edu)  
Virtual Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30am

### AIA Las Vegas Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: John Sawdon, AIA [johns@knitstudios.com](mailto:johns@knitstudios.com)  
Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am

### AIA Las Vegas EPYAF Committee

Chair: Brandon McLaughlin, AIA [bmclaughlin@lgainc.com](mailto:bmclaughlin@lgainc.com)  
Virtual Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm

### AIA Las Vegas Urban Sketchers Committee

Chair: Eric Roberts, AIA [ericr@knitstudios.com](mailto:ericr@knitstudios.com)  
Virtual or In Person Meeting 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 or 11:00am

## STEP UP! JOIN AN AIA LV COMMITTEE

Want to get involved?  
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join an AIA Committee.



**SATURDAY, FEB. 12TH**

**LIVE & IN PERSON**

**Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm PST**

**They will be meeting at  
Craig Ranch Regional Park  
near the Amphitheatre  
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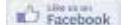
You should bring your own sketch supplies. Don't forget some water (to drink), something to sit on (you'll be glad you did) and a hat and sunscreen is still a must even though it's cold.

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### WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

Anna Peltier, PLA  
Co-Chair

The Women in Architecture Committee would like to say HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Please join us for an exciting lineup of events in 2022. ALL are welcome.

Come celebrate Black History Month with us on February 22nd at 4pm for our first official event of the year. ([Register Here](#)). Details TBA. This meeting will be virtual but we are hoping to meet in person more often this year.

We will also be hosting several panel discussions, construction tours, and social events throughout the year so please stay tuned!



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You can also call AIA Member Services at 202-626-7300.



### AIA LAS VEGAS ALLIED MEMBER COMMITTEE

Kayleigh Hassshaw  
Chair

Allied committee volunteers will be meeting at 9:30am on Wednesday, February 23rd to discuss the goals for 2022 and how they can support their fellow member architects, as well as develop opportunities for member collaboration and the shared interests of allied members.

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### AIA LAS VEGAS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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The Valley High School Bus Tour of four diverse architectural buildings in Las Vegas was successfully achieved Friday, January 21, 2022. The Tour idea was initiated by Kelly Pedrick, a teacher at Valley High School in October 2020, but development of the project was cancelled due to COVID related school closures. In October 2021, I, as Chairperson for the Education Outreach Committee with the support of the Committee members, contacted Darby Mims, a teacher at Valley High School's with the "Viking Scholars", to see if there was still interest in this Tour Project idea.



It was an exciting marathon of getting 25 students and teachers to four building sites during one school day using a bus as our transportation. The tour at each site was as unique as each building selected. These tours were meant to introduce these students to the Architecture profession and organization as well as to the four building examples.

We visited the Clark County Government Center, the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, the Smith Center for the Performing Arts, and the World Market Center. At each location we were met by a docent or building representative and an AIA volunteer(s) and provided a 45 minute tour. Most students had never really seen these buildings let alone visited.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered significant time to this Project and made it a success:



Darby Mims, CCSD teacher  
Lauren Engel, CCSD teacher  
Stacey Hatfield, committee member, NSBAIDRD  
Milica Turnbull, AIA, committee member  
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Erik Swendseid, AIA, committee member  
Lelia Friedlander, committee member, product rep  
Kelle Heming, committee member, product rep  
Edward Vance, FAIA, volunteer  
Joe Miller, AIA, volunteer  
Megan Holger, Clark County Government Center  
Gina Sinclair, Cleveland Clinic  
Venus Carter-Ramirez, The Smith Center  
Cain Brodie, World Market Center

This Tour Project was an excellent opportunity for AIA to connect with High School students and I think it was also a positive experience for all involved.



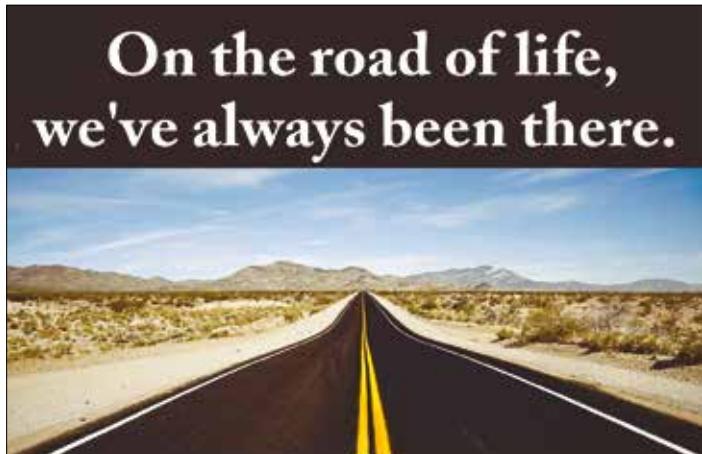
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### AIA LAS VEGAS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chris Lujan, AIA  
Chair

The Government Affairs Committee continues to provide opportunities for advocacy and collaboration on behalf of our profession. During the last week of February, members from across the AIA will join together online for Grassroots 2022. This important event helps to inform and inspire leaders throughout the wide-variety of backgrounds which they represent. Presentations focus on enhancing leadership skills and providing interactive discussions with fellow attendees in an effort to strengthen the collective voice of architects. Please join us as we connect with fellow architects who are motivated to make an impact—registration information can be accessed at [AIA.org](https://AIA.org).

2022 will bring continued growth and awareness of our AIANV PAC; a critical tool in our engagement ahead of next year's legislative session. Your financial support and engagement in this process is encouraged. Together, we can strengthen our resources that until recently had not been leveraged for a period of time. Thank you to those who have already committed to contribute to our PAC! Interested in helping with our efforts? Join us for our next **ZOOM meeting** on Feb. 2 at 4pm.

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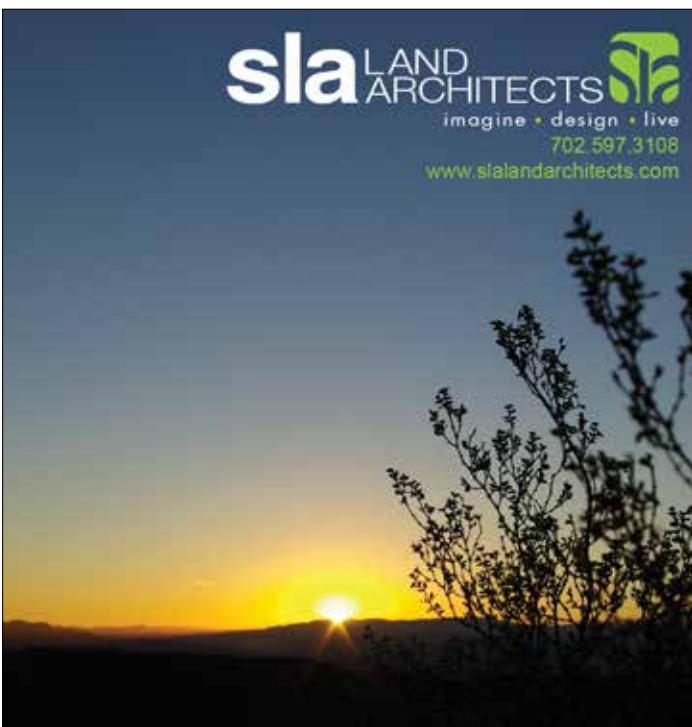
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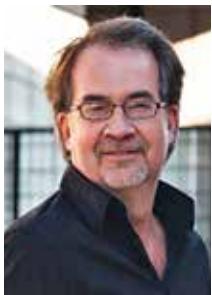
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### UNLV SOA NEWS

Eric Strain, FAIA, Assoc. Professor  
UNLV School of Architecture

### MAYOR'S SYMPOSIUM

I wanted to bring to your attention the Mayor Symposium on Urban Design that I'm working with Professor Joshua Vermillion on putting together through the City of Las Vegas and UNLV. This year, the symposium will focus on Housing. It is scheduled for Monday, February 7th and Tuesday, February 8th. The symposium will be an in person event at the 5th Street School Auditorium. (401 S. 4th Street, LV., NV. 89101)

**All presentations are free and open to the public.**

**Monday February 7th - 3:00-5:00pm Panel Discussion**

\*Speakers being confirmed

Dean Marc Kahn - UNLV Medical School

Allyson McCarthy - Ronald McDonald House

David Frommer, AIA - UNLV Planning & Construction

#### 5:30pm Keynote Speaker

Rob Quigley, FAIA - Robert Wellington Quigley Architects

**Tuesday February 8th - 11:00am- 1:00pm Panel Discussion**

\*Speakers being confirmed

Ian Dickenson, Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects

Rick Mohler, AIA - University of Washington

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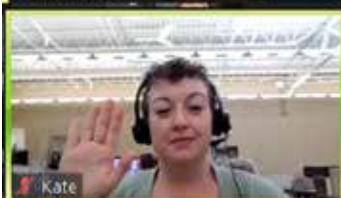
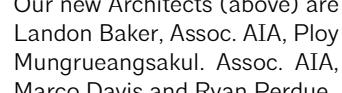


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## CONGRATULATIONS!



AIA Las Vegas congratulates and welcomes our newly licensed Architects and Interior Designers to the profession at their swearing-in ceremony on January 19th. Well done and good luck with your careers!



Our new Architects (above) are Landon Baker, Assoc. AIA, Ploy Mungreueangsakul, Assoc. AIA, Marco Davis and Ryan Perdue.

Our new Interior Designers (left) are Sheryl Gordon and Kathleen Stachowiak.



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Credit for this cartoon idea goes to Brent Bauman, Architectural Project Manager at Pulte Group Southern California Division.

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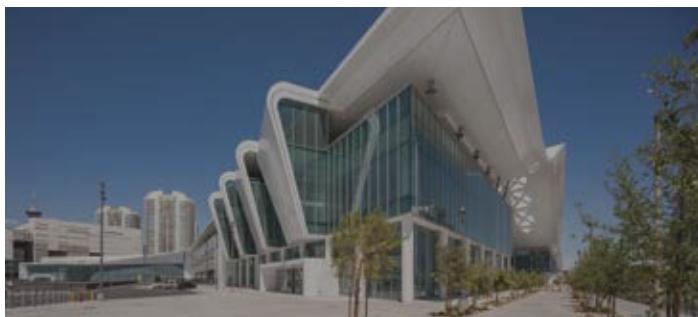
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**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Highly proficient in Revit, detailing, construction documents and code issues.
- Proficient in Bluebeam
- Strong technical background and experience putting together a project.
- Professional degree in Architecture is required
- Working knowledge of building codes, standards and building structures
- Flexibility to focus on concurrent projects in various stages of development
- A quick learner with an ability to thrive in a fast-paced work environment

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**PROJECT ARCHITECT  
MARKETING SPECIALIST  
ARCHITECT  
INTERIOR DESIGNER**

**PROJECT ARCHITECT - EDUCATION, HOSPITALITY, HEALTH/WELLNESS, RETAIL**

Gensler Las Vegas is seeking a Project Architect to join our Community Lifestyle studio. As Project Architect focusing on education, health/wellness, hospitality and/or retail, your job is to lead and mentor a team of architects and/or designers to deliver world-class architectural projects. You will leverage your industry experience and technical acumen to drive client projects from concept through build while directly managing client relationships. What You Will Do:

- Manage multiple aspects of client, team, and project coordination, including full documentation coordination with consultants (structural, MEP, lighting, AV, acoustical, accessibility, building envelope, life safety, etc.)
- Manage communication between project team, client, vendors, contractors, and consultants
- Resolve complex technical and design issues with team to produce innovative technical/constructible solutions
- Direct production of drawings, specifications and construction administration tasks
- Responsible for oversight and delivery of documents with design intent and top-notch technical quality
- Resolves complex technical/design issues and detailing and provides guidance and mentorship to team
- Maintain and oversee the project manual and specifications
- Conduct on-site observations and document site reviews
- Process submittals/substitution requests during construction and address RFIs
- Interface with building and permitting officials during the permitting and construction phases of the project
- Actively participate and contribute to the financial performance of project
- Ensure projects conform to contract
- Actively leading teams for successful delivery of projects
- Managing client expectations, team communication and oversight of consultant coordination
- Contribute to office activities, initiatives and learning programs
- Establish and maintain ongoing, productive client relationships through successful project delivery

**To be considered, please submit portfolio and/or work samples in PDF format. [Click here for Qualification Requirements and to Apply](#)**

**Interior Designer - Community + Lifestyle - Junior**

Gensler Las Vegas is seeking an experienced Junior Interior Designer. Your job is to combine creativity and technical knowledge with business skills and understanding to produce functionally beautiful spaces for clients. You have exceptional design skills, a background in architecture or design, and a portfolio of innovative design concepts.

What You Will Do

- Perform architectural design assignments that include programming client needs, conceptual design, schematic design, design development, space planning, and construction documentation
- Participate in the selection and presentation of furniture, furniture systems, fabrics, equipment (FF&E), color palettes, and lighting
- Generate finish plans, specifications, and material selections needed for construction
- Provide design support and documentation during completion and execution of design concepts
- Work with external consultants, product representatives, furniture dealers, and fabricators

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**MARKETING SPECIALIST**

Gensler's Las Vegas office is seeking a creative, motivated, and highly collaborative individual to join our team as a Marketing Specialist. Marketing Specialists have an external business building focus and are the key producers of materials that support Gensler's business development efforts. They partner with office leadership and senior staff to write, design, and produce proposals, presentations, and other collateral / thought leadership used to help the firm win work. They will have a visible presence representing Gensler Las Vegas in the local market at strategic events and other external opportunities. Marketing Specialists also lead the general activities of the marketing studio, such as strategy, speaking engagement presentations, writing project case stories, photography coordination, graphic design of collateral, and knowledge management.

What You Will Do:

- Work with office leaders, senior staff, and other marketing team members to design, write, and produce proposals, presentations, and other marketing collateral in alignment with brand standards
- Represent Gensler Las Vegas at external industry events and build relationships with potential project partners
- Work closely with office leaders to connect the dots around client relationships and possible new projects
- Conduct research into possible new clients and track new business development leads in Salesforce
- Participate and lead pursuit strategy and planning
- Develop new materials as needed to support business development activities, with a critical emphasis on graphic design capabilities
- Learn and understand Gensler's portfolio of work, practice areas, and design capabilities
- Maintain marketing collateral, resources, and information systems
- Perform multiple marketing efforts, while meeting all external deadlines
- Collaborate with Gensler's regional marketing team members to elevate the quality of our efforts and process
- Builds relationships with marketing professionals at project partner firms

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and portfolio. The cover letter should address the key characteristics highlighted in the position description and should communicate the reasons why your skill set and background are ideal for this role. **A portfolio of your recent work is required. [Click here for Qualification Requirements and to Apply](#)**

**Architect - Community + Lifestyle - Mid Level**

As a Gensler Architect, you will collaborate with our Design Directors to develop design solutions as well as coordinate the design through the construction documentation phase of a project. You will be successful because you already know how to translate an architect's sketches and documents into realized 2D/3D models and images and can research artistic and/or technical issues when they arise. Your work ethic, combined with your commitment to collaboration and mentoring, makes Gensler the perfect place to nurture your career.

What You Will Do

- Participate in all project phases, including conceptual designs, presentations, schematic design, design development, construction documents and production
- Collaborate with design team, clients, consultants, contractors, fabricators, regulatory agencies, and other vendors to meet overall project objectives
- Resolve complex design issues with innovative and practical solutions
- Produce graphic presentations, 3D renderings, and construction drawings
- Assist in managing client expectations, team communication and consultant coordination
- Contribute to office activities, initiatives, and learning programs

**All applications must include a portfolio for full consideration. [Click here for Qualification Requirements and to Apply](#)**

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## AIA LAS VEGAS CALENDAR

**FEB**

1 Chinese New Year

2 Groundhog Day

10 UNLV SoA Lecture  
"Carlos Ratti"  
and  
AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon  
"OPEN"

12 AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting  
"Craig Ranch Regional Park"

14 Valentine's Day

15 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

16 AIA LV Membership Meeting  
"Future Architects Instill Collaboration,  
Art and Empathy"

17 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting

21 President's Day

22 Women In Architecture Meeting  
"TBA"

22 - 24 (Virtual) Grassroots

24 AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon  
"OPEN"

**MAR**

1 Mardi Gras

6 - 12 Women in Construction Week

10 UNLV SoA Lecture  
"MVRDV"

and  
AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon  
"OPEN"

11 Spring Directory Update Deadline

12 AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting  
"TBA"

13 Daylight Saving Time

15 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

16 AIA LV Membership Meeting  
"TBA"

17 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting  
and  
St. Patrick's Day

23 Coffee With An Architect  
"TBA"

24 AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon  
"2022 Updates in Specialty Tax Incentives"

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